

Senate File 254 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to academic ineligibility to participate
2 in high school interscholastic athletic contests and
3 competitions.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 280.13D Interscholastic athletic
2 contests and competitions — academic ineligibility.

3 A student who is a contestant in interscholastic athletic
4 contests or competitions and who is given a failing grade at
5 the end of any grading period in any course for which credit
6 is awarded shall be ineligible to dress for and compete in
7 the next occurring interscholastic athletic contests and
8 competitions in which the student is a contestant for a period
9 of time equal to one-third of the applicable interscholastic
10 athletic season. For purposes of this section, "*grading period*"
11 means the period of time at the end of which a student in grades
12 nine through twelve receives a final grade and course credit
13 is awarded for passing grades.

14 EXPLANATION

15 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
16 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

17 This bill provides that a student who is a contestant in
18 interscholastic athletic contests or competitions and who is
19 given a failing grade at the end of any grading period in any
20 course for which credit is awarded shall be ineligible to dress
21 for and compete in the next occurring interscholastic athletic
22 contests and competitions in which the student is a contestant
23 for a period of time equal to one-third of the applicable
24 interscholastic athletic season.

25 Administrative rules adopted by the state department of
26 education currently provide that such a period of ineligibility
27 shall last for 30 consecutive calendar days.